

# Editorial

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We had fun working on this issue of the *Forum*. Not only are the articles excellent, as always, but the topic of mosquito-related diseases allowed us to research an important subject and to share this information with you, our readers. It also may help all of us to understand the health conditions under which many teachers and their students live, work, and study.

I was especially intrigued with the "coconut experiment," which can eradicate malarial mosquitos in their breeding grounds. The fact that Israeli and Peruvian medical scientists must have shared their research data, probably in English, demonstrates how essential communication in the international language is in the scientific community. As in this example, this shared research may contribute significantly to the elimination of diseases like malaria.

Medical research published in English journals reaches far more people than research in most other languages. We know that improving the health of people has positive effects on the education and economics of their societies. Healthy teachers and students learn better and contribute positively to the development of their communities.